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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Intelligence Community Staff
Chairman, Intelligence Producers Council

FROM: [Redacted]
Acting Chief, Intelligence Producers Council Staff

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SUBJECT: IPC Staff Monthly Report--June 1988

Summary

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1. During the month, the IPC Staff focused on the following projects and activities:

- o National Intelligence Topics (NITs) of Current Interest.
- o Intelligence Consumers Survey.
- o Final Action on FY 1987 NITs.
- o FY 1988 NIT Gaps: Final Report.
- o Compendium of Interagency Coordinating Mechanisms.
- o External Research Contracts.
- o Compendium of Future Intelligence Requirements (COFIR).
- o COFIR Users Group.
- o [Redacted]
- o Production Enhancement Initiative Program.
- o Administrative. [Redacted]

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National Intelligence Topics (NITs) of Current Interest

2. All of the inputs to the FY 1989 NITs have been received and a final draft is near completion. This year we are trying a new approach to the coordination process by convening a NITs Working Group made up of representatives from the policymaking community. The group will meet in early July after the members have had time to review the draft. We hope to use this meeting to improve our product and to demonstrate to the policymakers the importance we attach to the NITs. Since the draft FY 1989 NITs appear to continue the trend of increasing the number of requirements, the face-to-face meeting also may help us reach a consensus for deleting some of the more marginal items. We anticipate the NITs Working Group will become a regular IPC Staff mechanism through which we can improve communications between the producer and consumer communities. The draft FY 1989 NITs will be ready for the review and approval of the Senior Interagency Group, Committee on Intelligence Requirements and Priorities (SIG-I) by the end of July. []

Intelligence Consumers Survey

3. The DCI approved the namelist and the questionnaire to be used for the survey, and we have begun to assemble packages to send out to approximately 330 people. The survey working group also met on 30 June to formulate a plan for conducting follow-on oral interviews. Despite some compression in our schedule, we are still working toward a target date of December 1988 for publication of the final report. []

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Final Action on FY 1987 NITs

4. The Staff prepared and disseminated the final report on the production of hard-copy finished intelligence relative to the FY 1987 NITs. The figures showed overall that production was down substantially--about 20 percent--but, unlike the record for FY 1986, some production was recorded for each major National Intelligence Topic. Interim production figures for the FY 1988 NITs will be disseminated soon. []

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FY 1988 NIT Gaps: Final Report

5. The IPC Staff has compiled and distributed the final report on the gaps associated with the FY 1988 NITs. This report consists of an abstract of the analysts' survey, the responses of the DCI Production Committees, and some analytical and interpretative comments by our Staff. In general, the analysts were more satisfied with the level of available intelligence data relative to

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the NITs than they were in FY 1987. Still, many of the subtopics that were rated as having inadequate coverage in FY 1987 received a rating of inadequate again in FY 1988. We intend to work with analysts and the collection and production elements of the Community to help redress the persistent shortfalls in intelligence data. []

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Compendium of Interagency Coordinating Mechanisms

6. We have prepared a first-draft update of this document based on inputs provided by the Community. Because it was last published in 1985, the changes are extensive. To ensure that the final document is complete and accurate, we have disseminated the draft to all appropriate agencies/offices for a final review. This document is targeted for publication in late July, and it will thereafter be updated annually. []

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External Research Contracts

7. The External Research Contracts Report for the second and third quarters of FY 1988 was disseminated on 30 June. This will be the final report in the original format. Within the next two weeks, the Staff will be updating the format and procedures for making inputs to the data file and will solicit Community input for a careful review of all external research contracts on file. We anticipate that these efforts will provide a more useful data base for assessing the Community's external research contracts. []

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Compendium of Future Intelligence Requirements (COFIR)

8. The Staff has received Community inputs for the annual update of the COFIR. This will be the first update since the document was published in September 1987. The COFIR Working Group did an excellent job ensuring that the revised document would incorporate requirements from all the "-INTs". In addition, the Working Group was provided a "think piece" produced by the National Intelligence Council to help focus on major intelligence issues within the next decade. This paper resulted in the generation of many new requirements. The Staff has consolidated all the inputs and sent out a final draft to the COFIR Working Group for review. Prior to submission to the National Foreign Intelligence Board (NFIB), the COFIR document will be sent to the IPC for review and approval. []

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COFIR Users Group Meeting

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9. The COFIR, as approved by the National Foreign Intelligence Board, serves as an authoritative statement of long-term intelligence requirements. The IPC Staff believes that those using the COFIR could profit by meeting together to discuss their uses of the document as well as ways to improve its relevance. The first ad hoc meeting of the COFIR Users Group will be held on 26 July at [redacted]. Participation is open to all organizations involved with the COFIR. [redacted]

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Production Enhancement Initiative (PEI) Program

11. The Staff has initiated the FY 1989 PEI cycle with a call for PEI submissions. Our letter, dated 30 June, requests that all proposals be forwarded to the Staff by 12 August 1988. Included in the package are the PEI criteria and the format for submission. We have requested that each sponsor indicate the issues of Community concern that the proposal addresses. These data will ensure that approved PEIs are relevant to intelligence requirements and can help fill gaps in intelligence information. [redacted]

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Administrative

12. The IPC Staff's scheduled off-site conference to discuss how the Staff can better serve the IPC and the Production Community has been temporarily postponed. We will send out notification when a new date has been selected. [redacted]

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